NYC Top 10 Nonprofit Award Winner

Project Renewal’s Culinary Arts Training Program honored for success by NYC’s Center for Economic Opportunity

This summer our Culinary Arts Training Program had more to celebrate than 17 years and 77 graduating classes. The ground breaking program was a Top 10 winner in the first annual NYC Nonprofit Awards for its impact in breaking the cycle of poverty.

At an awards ceremony, Mayor Michael Bloomberg cited our innovative approaches and evidence-based practices that help clients train for and secure jobs in the food service industry.

“The finalists stand out for making use of best practices and for representing a new way of doing business” said Mayor Bloomberg.

- 1,279 men and women with job skills for life and hope for the future
- Graduates earn an average hourly wage of $9.75
- Despite high barriers, 80% of graduates are placed in jobs

Mayor Michael Bloomberg with Project Renewal President & CEO Mitchell Netburn

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Leading innovations in care
Federal Government spotlights Project Renewal for achieving the impossible among homeless men and women with high barriers to receiving care.

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Keeping families together
En Casa, Project Renewal’s new supportive housing program builds on success by giving mothers and fathers support to keep their health and their children.

04 GALA IMPACT
Your support renews lives
Client Harry Dickerson’s story stirred the hearts of our Gala guests. Watch his inspiring story of transformation online.
HEALTH
Leading innovations in treatment

Recently, the US Department of Health and Human Services highlighted the achievements of Project Renewal’s innovative approach to providing medical services. Here is what they had to say:

“To successfully treat more than 8,600 homeless patients a year, you have to be dedicated and diligent. HRSA-supported health center Project Renewal finds that it also pays to hold yourself to the same quality standards as providers who practice in a less challenging environment. …

Controlling hypertension is never easy, but when your patients tend to seek care irregularly, move frequently, have a high prevalence of both chronic and acute conditions and distrust the medical system, it seems almost impossible. But that’s exactly what Project Renewal has done…”

UNIQUE
problems require unique solutions

- Honored by HRSA for our success in controlling hypertension among homeless and high-barrier clients
- Recognized with a national award from SAMHSA for innovations in treating substance use addiction
- Winner of 2013 Thom Fluellen Award from NYU Community Fund for outstanding mobile healthcare
- Moving the needle on key interventions for heart disease, the top cause of death now for both the NYC homeless population and the general population. Our homeless patients are reclaiming their health by learning about their health risks, and treating conditions that lead to heart disease such as smoking and high blood pressure.
HOMES
Keeping families together

This summer we launched En Casa, an expansion of our supportive housing program to help parents in recovery keep their children with them while building new lives without drugs or alcohol.

CHALLENGE
On a given night in NYC, over 20,000 homeless children sleep in city shelters. Many of their parents struggle with chronic addiction and mental illness.

Without the right treatment and support, homeless families are continuously uprooted as they struggle to find permanent homes.

SOLUTION
En Casa builds on our successful track record of empowering homeless New Yorkers to rebuild their health and succeed in their own homes. Scattered-site housing for 10 families with our innovative “wrap-around” case management support both parents and their children, connecting them to the health services, employment, and educational opportunities they need to renew their lives.

FACT Homeless children are sick at twice the rate of other children and they are nine times more likely to repeat a grade.
GALA SUCCESS

Your support and the hard work of so many volunteers, staff, and trustees really paid off!

Our annual gala raised $820,000 in critical funding for new initiatives including a new cooking school for homeless veterans and a housing program that reunites at-risk mothers with their children.

Over 400 guests joined us to honor Mathew Wambua, Commissioner, NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, for his accomplishments in creating new housing for low-income New Yorkers.

FIRST JUNIOR BOARD AFTERPARTY

To boost the success of the Gala, the Junior Board hosted the first ever Gala Afterparty.

Over 125 guests attended the Afterparty, and raised $8,500 to help further the cause of eliminating homelessness in New York City.

Interested in attending a future Junior Board event? Visit our website to learn more.

MEET HARRY

Gala special guest Harry Dickerson shares his amazing life story.

Check out the video at www.projectrenewal.org/meetharry